

II) REMARKS

Claim 14 has been amended to be a dependent claim of the claim 1 in this application. The claims 14-25 directly or indirectly become the dependent claims of the claim 1 by this amendment. The present application is primarily directed to an electrostatic discharge (ESD) protection device which has a part of the gate segment overlapping a field-oxide stripe (Claims 1-13 and Fig. 5A, FIG. 6A, Fig. 7A). There is another ESD protection device, which has a split-channel region and non-split-channel region, with a field-oxide stripe formed over the non-split-channel, to be disclosed in the present application (Claims 14-25 and Fig. 8). Although the ESD protection device disclosed in Claims 14-25 seems different from the ESD protection device disclosed Claims 1-13, in Claim 20 and Fig. 8, the feature of having a part of the gate segment overlapping a field-oxide stripe is obviously disclosed. So the ESD protection device disclosed in Claims 14-25 is the extension of the ESD protection device disclosed in Claims 1-13. Therefore, we amended Claims 14 to make Claims 14-25 to directly or indirectly become the dependent claims of the Claim 1.

Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the foregoing remarks.

Conclusion

In the light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending Claims as currently presented are in condition for allowance. In response to the Office Action of September 8, 2005, Applicant hereby elects Species I: an ESD device having a part of a gate segment overlapping a field-oxide stripe.

Respectfully submitted,

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